

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 9. This sheet, which includes Fig. 9, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 9.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present preliminary amendment the specification is amended to correct minor informalities.

A replacement Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is also submitted herein.

A replacement Figure 9 is also submitted that properly labels element 57 as a "Communication I/F".

None of the changes to the specification, Abstract, or replacement Figure 9 are believed to raise any issues of new matter.

Further, claims 1-15 are canceled without prejudice and new claims 16-34 are presented for examination. New claims 16-34 are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including the original claims, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

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